COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

BUDGET SESSION OF 1102.

(OFFICIAL REPORT)

Thursday, the 28th of July 1927.
12th of Karkadagam 1102.

As was settled on the previous day, the Council met at 12 a. m. in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, to continue its business, the Diwan presiding. All the Members, except Messrs. Lonappan Chakkola, C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, K. Krishna Menon, Poulo Mampilli, P. Munda Vaidyan, and J. T. Murray, were present.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

The answering of Questions.

50. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Government have read the recent notification about rules relating to questions and answers in the Madras Legislative Council (published in *the Hindu* and other Madras Dailies) which proposes to distribute to all Members a preliminary list containing the questions without answers on the day previous to the date on which they would be answered in the Council ;

(b) whether this practice will be followed in our Council also ; and if not, to give the reason for refusing to do so ?

Mr. T.K. Krishna Menon.—(a) Government have obtained information on the subject from the Secretary to the Madras Legislative Council. It is to this effect; "A preliminary list of *starred questions* tabled for a particular day without answers is printed and circulated to all Members on the day previous to the date on which they would be answered in the Council," and "a list of questions both starred and unstarred" with answers is placed on the table one hour before the meeting.

(b) No, as all the questions will have to be printed twice over, once without answers and then with answers, and as the benefit that will be derived by this procedure is not commensurate with the trouble and expense.

Opening of new Schools.

51. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Education Department is following

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